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**January 13, 2020**  
**All Commissioners Present**  
**Commissioner Wilson Presiding**

1. Commissioner Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse.
2. Commissioner Wiens moved to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner McCloud; and the minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup> session.
3. Commissioner Wiens discussed executive sale of property
4. Commissioner McCloud stated that the roofers will be here on January 22 at 10am from Kansas City.
5. Commissioner Wiens motion to approve the purchase of 8 benches and 4 trash cans from Woydziak Hardware in the amount of \$5,444.89 as per Downtown Alliance campaign; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner McCloud. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Commissioner Wilson discussed the need for a sanitarian for Rice County. He stated that they will be seeking advice from Reno County concerning adopting their code or asking for their recommendation.
7. County Appraiser Gayla Godfrey presented quarterly updates as follows:
  - Average increase in values are 4% for city, 6% for Rural as at January 1<sup>st</sup> bases on sales and cost. Checks were done by Kristina doing city and Gayla covering Rural.
  - Agricultural values for 2020 pastureland increase on an average of \$6.00 an acre as per the State. Dry crop increased \$3.00 an acre.
  - Training currently being done by the Appraiser's office.
  - In 2019 there were 22 new NPR applicants
  - 2 Extensions requested for NPR were submitted; Commissioner McCloud approved and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wiens.
  - 1 oil appeal and 9 real-estate appeals in 2019.
  - Two abatements were requested but subsequently denied by the Commissioners.

County Appraiser Gayla Godfrey requested an executive session for non-elected personnel; motion approved by Commissioner McCloud and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wiens from 9:35am to 9:45am.

8. Public Works Administrator Tom Robl was present with Terrence Dobbins from Kirkham Michael & Assoc. Inc to present a contract for building a bridge in Rice County. Kirkham Michael & Assoc. Inc will be seeking bids for material and bids need to be in before November 2021. Commissioners state the contract will to be reviewed by County Councilor before approval can be done. Kirkham Michael & Assoc. Inc representative Terrence Dobbins stated they will be submitting an application to replace signs for High Risk Rural Roads, and this will be paid for by KDOT. Application is due by the ending of February. Public Works Administrator Tom Robl sought permission to purchase 1 ½ ton of road rock from Harshman Construction; Commissioner McCloud mentioned to approve purchase of said road rock for not more than \$37,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wiens.
9. Eric Lane from MKC sought the transfer of land from Rice County to MKC, all documents were forwarded to the County Counselor Bush to review as per Eric Lane.
10. Commissioner Wiens moved to approve Resolution 4-2020 for the authorization the sale and conveyance of certain property to MKC. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner McCloud.
11. County Counselor Scott Bush presented the above-mentioned documents (The Resolution & the Warranty Deed) to be signed.
12. Rice County Treasurer Rita Smith was in to give quarterly updates. She noted everything was running smoothly and that she had a new hire, Beth Terwey in her office.
13. The Commissioners noted a phone call from Don Hoelscher of Bushton. There is a building in Bushton on Main street that the city wants to sell. What do they need to do to accomplish this? Commissioners suggested they need to vote on the sale of the building in a township meeting.

14. Commissioner Wiens moved to approve the new clerical pay scale. Commissioner McCloud 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carried. The clerk's office will be sending a copy to all department heads.
15. Commissioner McCloud moved they go into executive session from 11:02-11:20 regarding a continuing investigation in the Weed Department. Commissioner Wiens 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried with Commissioner Wilson, Wiens and McCloud and the County Counselor Scott Bush Present.  
  
At 11:20 they moved to extend the executive session from 11:20-11:30. Motion Carried.
16. Commissioner Wiens moved to approve the AAE as presented. Commissioner McCloud 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
17. Commissioner Wiens moved to approve the contract with Kirkham Michael for engineering on Bridge #77 for \$41,000 plus extra costs if needed. Commissioner McCloud 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
18. Marci Detmer, Health Department Director presented two estimates on flooring for the front clerk office, the kitchenette and 3 bathrooms that she had budgeted for. The Commissioners suggested she get one more estimate before deciding.

She had a rabid skunk that had bitten a dog and needed help with the owner that didn't want the pets to be removed from the property. What does she do in the future when she has a situation that is a public safety concern? She asked if there was an ordinance for rural animals to be vaccinated. Should there be a Public Service Announcement when these situations occur?

The Commissioners suggested looking to see how other counties are handling these situations.

The Commissioners asked Marci why the Shingles vaccine is \$402 at the health department for 2 shots and the Lyons Pharmacy is \$340 for the 2 shot Shingles vaccine. She replied that she calculates her prices by taking

the price per dose + 20% + \$20 administration fee. This is all based on Medicaid and Medicare.

19. Commissioner Wilson adjourned the meeting.

Adjourned.